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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

Notice on Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sales
November 6, 2018 – BOEM has published their List of Restricted Joint Bidders. Each entity within the designated groups is restricted from bidding with any entity in any of the other groups at Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease sales to be held during the bidding period from November 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019. [83 FR 55560]

Department of Energy (DOE)

National Petroleum Council; Meeting
November 19, 2018 – The DOE Office of Fossil Energy will hold a public meeting of the National Petroleum Council on December 4, 2018, to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to oil and natural gas, or the oil and natural gas industries. The meeting will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EST in Washington D.C. [83 FR 58239]

Environmental Management Advisory Board Meeting
November 26, 2018 – The DOE Office of Environmental Management will hold a teleconference meeting on December 11, 2018, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST. [83 FR 60414]

Department of the Interior (DOI)

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee; Call for Nominations
November 15, 2018 – The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council is soliciting nominations for the Public Advisory Committee. The Public Advisory Committee advises the Trustee Council on decisions related to the planning, evaluation, funds allocation, and conduct of injury assessment and restoration activities related to the T/V Exxon Valdez oil spill of March 1989. Public Advisory Committee members will be selected and appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to serve a 2-year term. All nominations must be received by December 17, 2018. [83 FR 57503]

Notice of Request for Nominees for the Advisory Committee on Water Information
November 15, 2018 – DOI is seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as Committee members and/or alternates to serve on the Advisory Committee on Water Information at the U.S. Geological Survey. [83 FR 57502]

Public Meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee
November 23, 2018 – The U.S. Geological Survey will hold a meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee on December 6, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST. [83 FR 59408]

Department of State

Call for Expert Reviewers To Contribute to the U.S. Government Review of the Second and Third Special Reports To Be Undertaken by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) During the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) Cycle
November 20, 2018 – The Department of State, in cooperation with the United States Global Change Research Program (USGCRP), requests expert review of the second-order drafts of the IPCC special reports on land and on oceans, including the first draft of each report’s summary for policymakers. Experts wishing to contribute to the U.S. Government Review are encouraged to register via the USGCRP Review and Comment System (https://review.globalchange.gov/). Comments must be submitted by December 19, 2018. [83 FR 58674]

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notification of a Public Meeting of the Chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)
November 6, 2018 – The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will hold a public meeting of the Chartered Clean Air Scientific
Advisory Committee (CASAC) to peer review EPA’s Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) for Particulate Matter (External Review Draft—October 2018). The meeting will be held in Arlington, Virginia, on December 12, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST and December 13, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST. [83 FR 55529]


November 26, 2018 – EPA has finalized amendments to the petroleum refinery National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) (referred to as Refinery MACT 1 and Refinery MACT 2) and to the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Petroleum Refineries to clarify requirements. All documents in this action are included in the docket on the Regulations.gov website under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0682. [83 FR 60696]

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

Notice of Availability of Draft Guidance for Horizontal Directional Drill Monitoring, Inadvertent Return Response, and Contingency Plans

November 2, 2018 – The FERC Office of Energy Projects is asking for comments on the draft Guidance for Horizontal Directional Drill Monitoring, Inadvertent Return Response, and Contingency Plans. The comment period will close on December 28, 2018. [83 FR 55162]

National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA)

NASA Advisory Council; STEM Engagement Committee; Meeting

November 20, 2018 – The NASA Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Engagement Committee will hold a public meeting on December 4, 2018 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST at NASA Headquarters in Washington D.C. [83 FR 58605]